

Applicants: Richards *et al.*
Application No. 09/778,843

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G, 5H, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, and 8C have been amended to include the legend "Prior Art".

Applicants: Richards *et al.*
Application No. 09/778,843

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and further examination of the patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Claims 61 and 62 have been cancelled without prejudice and claims 63, 64, and 67 have been amended as shown above. Upon entry of the foregoing Amendment claims 1-60 and 63-67 are pending in the application. The amendments are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested. Based on the above amendment and the following remarks, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections.

Summary of Office Action

Figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G, 5H, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, and 8C were objected to because they were not designated by a legend such as “Prior Art”.

Claims 61 and 62 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Wu et al.

Claims 63-67 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Remarks Regarding Objection of Drawings:

Applicants have amended figures 1A, 1B, 2A, 2B, 3, 4, 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D, 5E, 5F, 5G, 5H, 6, 7, 8A, 8B, and 8C to include the legend “Prior Art”.

Applicants: Richards *et al.*
Application No. 09/778,843

Remarks Regarding Rejection of Claims under 35 USC § 102:

The applicants respectfully traverse all claim rejections. However, in order to expedite allowance of the application, the claims are currently amended to include limitations deemed allowable by the Action. Other claims have been cancelled or left in their original form as appropriate. The applicants specifically reserve the right to seek additional claims in a future filed continuation application.

Remarks Regarding Indication of Allowance:

Applicants thank Examiner for allowing claims 1-60 and indicating that claims 63-67 would be allowable when rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion:

Applicants respectfully submit that in view of the foregoing, all of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn.

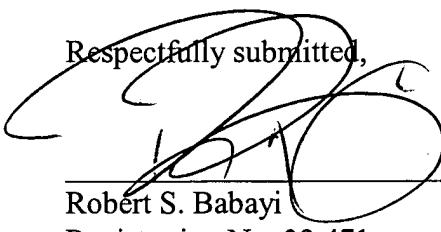
If the Examiner believes, for any reasons, that further communication will expedite prosecution of this application the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Applicants: Richards *et al.*
Application No. 09/778,843

Accordingly, in view of the above amendments, it is believed that the remaining claims of the present invention are in condition for allowance.

Date: _____

Respectfully submitted,


Robert S. Babayi

Registration No. 33,471

VENABLE

P.O. Box 34385

Washington, D.C. 20043-9998

Telephone: (202) 344-4800

Telefax : (202) 344-8300

RSB/klm/mks